

Locals

Mrs. Rosen Brong, Local Reporter
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Shelby Miller, D. S., of Cannel City
was in town Monday on business.

Bonny Ruth Lewis of Wrigley spent
the week end with Leatha Nell Blair.

Miss Josephine McGuire was in
Lexington one day last week on busi-
ness.

Charles Davis of Osborn, O., is here
visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy M.
Davis.

Will Carter, who is employed at
Winchester, spent the week end here
with relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Wells spent the week end
with her daughter, Mrs. Lucy M.
Davis of Wells Hill.

Mrs. Edward Gevedon and son have
taken an apartment with Mr. and
Mrs. John McKenzie.

Mrs. Carrie Oakley of Louisville
spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr.
and Mrs. D. H. Perry.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Kilgore went
to Portsmouth, O., Sunday to visit
relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wells and fam-
ily, of Licking River, spent last week
with Mrs. Clay McKenzie.

Mrs. Denver Stapleton spent the
week end in Danville with her hus-
band, Pvt. Denver Stapleton.

Charles Ray Wells, who had been
here visiting his wife, returned Sun-
day to his work at Osborn, O.

Mrs. Herbert Wells, Mrs. Jay Bur-
ton, and Mrs. Lore Belle Elam were
in Lexington one day last week.

Jay Amyx, who has been dis-
charged from the army, is visiting his
wife and his mother, Flora Amyx.

Mrs. Buford Wells and children
spent the week end with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. George Patton of De-
hart.

Pvt. Clay Walton, who had been
here visiting his mother and family,
returned to his camp in Louisiana last
week.

Randolph Dennis of Middletown, O.,
who had been here visiting his uncle,
Coy Davis, and family, returned home
Sunday.

Pte. Mort Neal Jr. of Fort Custer,
Mich., is here visiting his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Mort Neal of Neal Valley,
for 10 days.

Mrs. Kathleen Franklin and Mabel
McKenzie spent Sunday with their
sister, Mrs. David Blair, and family,
of Morehead.

Mose Turner went to Dayton, O.,
Sunday to visit his children. Harold
is the father of a fine girl, born one
day last week.

Pvt. Jack Cochran of Indiantown
Gap, Pa., is here visiting his mother
and sister, Mrs. Ada Cochran and
Mrs. Robert Elam.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McKenzie of
Barbourville are here visiting his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McKenzie,
and other relatives.

Catherine Wells, who is employed
at Dayton, O., spent the week end
here with her parents, Judge and
Mrs. Lynn B. Wells.

Mrs. C. K. Stacy and Mrs. Henry
Carr Rose attended a district con-
ference at Lexington Tuesday and
Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Annel Fugitt and daughter
Ona Margaret, of Foster, O., are here
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.
S. Wells, and other relatives.

Johnnie Blair, who is attending
school at Berea, spent the week end
with his mother and sister, Mrs.
Pauline D. Blair and daughter Pau-
line.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fannin and
sons Farrell and George, of Index,
and Mrs. Alice Long and son George
Everett were dinner guests Sunday
of their mother, Mrs. Stella Fannin.

Sgt. and Mrs. Henry Robb, who
had been here visiting his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Robb, have gone
to Miami Beach, Fla., where he is
stationed in a replacement center.

Mrs. R. F. Davis and children, who
had been visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. D. R. Keeton, returned home
Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Keeton
went as far as Lexington with them.

M.M.E. and Mrs. Lawrence Byrd
and his sister, Helen Byrd of Oregon,
were called to the bedside of their
mother, Mrs. Clay Byrd of Index,
visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and
Mrs. Alonzo Elam, and family, here,
the past week end.

Beekham Brown, who had been
here visiting his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Ira Brown, returned to his work
at Osborn, O., one day last week,
leaving his wife and children here
for a longer visit with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adkins at Pump.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner and son
Ollie Lawrence went to Lexington
Saturday to visit Mr. Turner's bro-
ther, Paul Turner, and family, and
family, Mr. Turner returned home
Sunday leaving Mrs. Turner
at Lexington for a longer visit.

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WHOLE NUMBER 1745

John Helton, employed at Dayton,
O., visited his family here this week.

Mrs. Clay Byrd, who has been
seriously ill at her home at Index, is
improving.

Mrs. C. P. Henry, who has been
confined to her home sick, is able to
be up again.

Mrs. R. A. Baldwin visited her
sister, Mrs. C. M. Keyser, at Pikeville,
a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gullett and
children, Mrs. A. P. Gullett, and Mrs.
N. C. Gullett spent Friday in Lexing-
ton.

Ray R. Easterling, 18, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Roy Franklin Easterling of
Blair Mills, is in naval training at
Great Lakes, Ill.

Mrs. A. P. Gullett was called
yesterday to the bedside of her mo-
ther, Mrs. S. J. Day of Eminence, who
is ill.

Pvt. Archie McClain of Camp
Stewart, Ga., came in last week for a
visit with his wife and mother and
other relatives and friends.

Amos Wireman and son Willie, of
Stockbridge, Mich., spent last Friday
with Mrs. Wireman's sister, Mrs.
James Franklin, and Mr. Franklin.

Miss Hazel Johnson spent Saturday
night and Sunday with her sister,
Mrs. Esther Litteral, and children
Bernice and Jimmy, of White Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Arnett enter-
tained at the hotel Sunday for dinner
Rev. G. C. Banks of Morehead and
Mrs. R. A. Baldwin of Jackson, Mich.

Pvt. Samuel C. Goodpastor, son of
Mrs. Emma Goodpastor of Grassy
Creek and Lexington, has been trans-
ferred from Shreveport, La., to Camp
Jarkeley, Texas.

Miss Nova Goodpastor, formerly of
Grassy Creek, had her tonsils removed
at the Good Samaritan hospital in
Lexington Saturday, April 15, and is
improving nicely.

AUCTION of Livestock, Farm
Tools, and Household Goods at the
John B. Coldiron farm 1 mile east of
Jazel Green at 10 a. m. Saturday,
Apr. 29. D. Cecil, Auctioneer.—adv.

175 Lighthouse Pullets (Rice's master
breeding) for sale at \$1 each. Good
or two more years laying, now laying
eggs. Also one good work mule. E.
D. Adams, West Liberty, Ky.—adv.

BOOKING orders now for sweet
potato ships. Home grown, the kind
that live. Maple Leaf White, Poplar
Leaf White, Nancy Hall.
S. D. CECIL, Hazel Green, Ky.—adv.

Mrs. R. A. Baldwin has sold her
property here to Stanley Blair, and is
leaving this week for Jackson, Mich.
She will make her home with her
daughter, Mrs. H. L. Gentry, of that
place.

H. W. Carpenter, who underwent
in operation at the Good Samaritan
hospital at Lexington, was brought
home Sunday. He is improving nicely.
His many friends are glad to welcome
him back home.

First Lt. and Mrs. Billy Keeton of
Fort Dix, N. J., came in Sunday for a
12 day furlough here with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Keeton. They will
also visit Mrs. Keeton's parents at
Hopkinsville before leaving for camp.

Mrs. W. M. Gardner, who had been
visiting her daughter and family, Mr.
and Mrs. R. F. Westerkamp, returned
home Friday. Mr. Gardner met her at
Cincinnati, O., last week and they
visited another daughter, Mrs. John
Wilkey, and family, before they came
on home.

In the obituary of J. S. Lacy of
Slate Fork, published last week, the
name of Mr. Lacy's second wife should
have been Sarah Elizabeth Stacy. Also
in the list of children, the name of
Mrs. Pannie Phipps of Fleming, Ky.,
was inadvertently omitted. The
Courier regrets its errors.

On Honor Roll
The junior class honor roll of the
Morgan county high school follows:
Robert Conley, AAAAA, Jake Henry
AABBB, Dewey Greer, AABBBB,
Alonzo Meyer Jr. AABBB.

JEWELL FRANKLIN, Reporter

REMEMINDERS
MEATS, FATS—Red stamps A8
thru Q8 are good indefinitely.
PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps
A8 thru K8 are good indefinitely.
SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30 and 31,
each good for 5 pounds indefinitely.
Sugar stamp 40 is good for 5 pounds
of cane sugar thru February, 1945.
Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One
is good thru April 30. Airplane stamp
No. 1 in Book Three is good indefi-
nitely. Airplane Stamp 2 becomes
good May 1 and remains good indefi-
nitely.
Gasoline Stamp A-11 good for 3
gallons thru June 21 B-2, B-3, and
C-2, C-3 stamps good for 5 gallons
thru July 1.

Bus Station Restored
The Greyhound bus station, oper-
ated by W. D. Enrick, is again located
in the building owned by Judge Lynn
B. Wells on the northwest corner of
Main and Court streets. This building
was badly damaged by fire a few
weeks ago, but has been speedily re-
paired and improved, providing better
accommodations than ever before.

Attended Funeral
The following relatives and friends
from a distance attended the funeral
here last week of Mrs. Fred C. Sch-
reiber: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shine and
daughter and W. W. McClure, of New
Albany, Ind.; Dr. and Mrs. W. J.
Oakley and children; Mr. and Mrs. W. J.
Bardston; Mrs. Carrie Oakley, Dr. O. M. Oakley
and daughter Betty, and Mrs. Lula
Jackson, of Louisville; Dr. Everett
Carter and children, of Louisiana; and
Dr. F. C. Schreiber and Frank Collins
of New Britain, Conn.

HONORING MRS. BALDWIN
Thursday evening of last week Mrs.
R. A. Baldwin was the dinner guest of
Senator and Mrs. C. K. Stacy, after
which several of Mrs. Baldwin's close
friends gave her a surprise gift
showing in token of loving friendship,
and to wish her every happiness in
her home at Jackson, Mich.

The poem below was written by
Mrs. Nancy P. Turner and was read
by Mrs. J. L. Blair, along with a few
remarks. Mrs. Baldwin responded with
such feeling on her life among us,
and expressed sincere appreciation for
the thoughtful gifts of her friends.

Some sent gifts who were not present.
Refreshments were served to Mrs.
R. A. Baldwin, Mrs. Floyd Arnett,
Mrs. Monroe Nickell, Miss Josephine
McGuire, Mrs. Boyd Blair, Mrs.
Henry and granddaughter, Mrs.
W. P. Elam, Mrs. H. C. Rose, Mrs.
Homer Rose, Mrs. H. C. Rose, Mrs.
Ada Cochran, and Mrs. C. K. Stacy.

It's no joke to know you're leaving.
It's no fun to say "goodbye" to
a comrade and co-worker.
We all know you can't deny.
All these years you've been among us
You have dropped sweet souvenirs
That remind us of your friendship
That has lasted through the years.
You've been a part of Morgan county
In your every act and deed;

In all our every project
You would give us the lead.
In the church you were a soldier,
Fighting for the souls of men
That they might stand up for Jesus
And be free from vice and sin.
The lodge you were a worker,
Holding the pointed star
That would guide each worthy mem-
ber.

Where the paths of duty are,
In the home you've been a blessing
As a mother and a wife.
Keeping peace and sweet devotion,
Holding us to the line of strife.
As a friend and fellow worker
We have found you staunch and true.
Tis no wonder that we sorrow
That we have to part with you.

Tis no wonder that we're meeting
Here tonight respect to pay
To you in this little meeting.
Just before you go away.
For we love—yes, love you dearly.
And our parting prayer will be
That you'll prosper up in Jackson
As in old West Liberty.

4-H CONFERENCE
Thirty 4-H club members and
leaders met at the county house at West
Liberty Wednesday morning, April
12, for annual 4-H club leaders' con-
ference. Although weather
was bad, nine clubs were represented
at this conference. Mr. Carl Jones
and Mrs. Ruth Latimer, both from
the university at Kentucky, were
present and gave instruction on 1944
4-H club work.

One of the main features on the
program was that of paying tribute to
J. M. Felner, deceased, for the splen-
did work he had done in Morgan
county and Kentucky during
his 27 years of service to his
leader and club member paid tribute
to Mr. Felner's work in his or her
community. Private Delman Easterling
was present for the meeting and
spoke highly of Mr. Felner, stating
that he had the privilege of being in
Mr. Felner's camp 3 years ago. Mr.
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Water Supply Good
The following report, dated April
10, 1944, from the state department of
health on inspection of the West Lib-
erty waterworks, speaks for itself:
Source—Municipal
Treatment—Pond, s. fm, d
Lab. Control—pH and C12
Rating—Good
Operator—John Turner

The operation and maintenance of
the plant was satisfactory. The resi-
dual chlorine test was 0.75 p. p.m.
(Signed) GEORGE D. REED
Asst. Sanitary Engineer

A SOLDIER'S PLEA
The following letter was sent to
Mrs. Ruth Bolin of Elamton by her
brother-in-law, Pvt. Sinkler E. Bolin,
somewhere in England, with the re-
quest that it be printed in the Courier:
My dear American friends, I have
been overseas almost a year. I have
been in Africa, Sicily, and many other
places. I have been thru roughs
and toughs, but I am glad I can say
I have been fighting for the good old
U. S. A.

I have been in a hospital for five
months. Since I have been here I have
seen things that will never be for-
gotten—eyes of dying men, women,
and children, but the eyes of little
hungry children hurt me worst—
bodies burning in villages—roads full
of dying children who had lost their
parents—little ones starved till they
scream after rotten oranges on rail
road tracks.

After sleeping month after month
under ground, we look back home to
the good old U. S. A. We find people
saying, "Oh, well, this war is just as
good as over," slacking up on their
jobs day after day, taking their cars
from the garage for a pleasant little
spin.

Oh, no, my American friend, this
war is not over! Every day I see
there by someone means the life of
someone over here. We will have to
fight and work together if this thing
is ever over. We must get this un-
wanted war, this terrible war, this
child-consuming war, won. We must
fight and work together, every one of
us, every day, with every ounce of
our strength.

The next time you are tempted to
relax, to take a day off for pleasure,
to sit down on some war effort, please
remember that all fight and work to-
gether for a free country, for a free
what I see in the good old U. S. A.
I have seen over here.

Please, will all you good old Chris-
tian fathers and mothers pray for all
us boys and girls in uniform, that we
may return to a free nation.

WRITES FROM ENGLAND
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hutchinson
of near Lexon recently received a
letter from their son, Sgt. Charles E.
Hutchinson, somewhere in England,
which reads, in part, as follows:

I went to church last night and
didn't get back in time to write. That
was my first time to pray in church.
They called on me to lead the prayer,
and they let everyone else pray that
wanted to. We don't have many that
go to church, two out of the company
besides myself, but we stick together.
There are some that go to the Catholic
service but I don't know how many.

The service was over about 8:30 last
night. I always like to talk with
the chaplain after service. It was ten
minutes till ten last night when I left.
We discussed things about the Bible.
I just enjoy talking with him, he is
a smart man and a good one.

You don't know how much good
I get out of going to church and talk-
ing to my brothers and friends. You
know, when a fellow is in sin he
never thinks of anything much but
having a good time. He never thinks
about where his soul will go if he
doesn't change, and the souls of others
who sin with him.

Notice how few are really living a
Christian life. You may try to tell
them how God has taken away all
worldly things and habits and cleaned
you from all your sins, but they will
never know these things until God
has done them for them. You know
I had bad habits that I really wanted
to quit, but I couldn't till God stepped
in. He has taken them out of my mind
—I have no more thirst for them.

I pray for all of you at home. Won't
you let Him step in today? Just open
the door, He will come. I know some
of you already have, but you that
haven't, just think it over. Are you
going to be a friend to God, or—
I will not say.

I told the chaplain last night I was
going to preach some day, and that
I felt that I was needed right in our
home church. I feel that is what God
wants me to be.

Well, there is nothing new to tell
you all. I am trying to teach the other
carpenters how to build bridges now.
I hope this will find you all well. I
don't get so much mail. When I do
get some it mostly comes in a bunch

LENEX
Reported by Mrs. L. M. Caskey
Apr. 25.—Mrs. Lawrence Caskey of
Trenton, N. J., is visiting her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Caskey.

Mrs. Clyde Barker and daughter,
Kay Barker, Mrs. Orville Ellis, and
Lena M. Caskey were in

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Russian Blitz Clears Crimea Path as Allied Bombers Pound Western Europe; 'Stop Aiding Nazis' Neutrals Warned; Japs Press 3-Pronged Drive in India

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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Italy—New Zealand troops close on German sniper in Cassino ruins.

EUROPE: Invasion Path

While Russia's land armies carried the war into the Balkans, Allied bombers continued pounding Axis military and industrial installations throughout Fortress Europe, concentrating on the invasion path in the west.

As the Russians stormed into Rumania, other Red forces drove ahead in the Crimea, huge chunks of land thrust into the Black sea and guarding the water route to the eastern Balkans. As the Russians approached the Rumanian rail junction of Jassi, they encountered stiffening resistance from native troops, fighting by the side of German soldiers, strengthened by shorter defense lines.

In continuing their whirlwind assaults to smoothen an invasion path, Allied bombers struck at airfields, railroad junctions and military defenses throughout the French and Belgium area. Far to the southeast, U. S. bombers based in Italy hammered Nazi airplane factories in the Vienna and Budapest regions. In ground fighting below Rome, both sides were reported making extensive troop movements in preparation for a resumption of bitter fighting.

Warn Neutrals

Having suspended oil shipments to Spain and announced restriction of steamship service to Ireland, Great Britain and the U. S. next demanded termination of Sweden's ball-bearing trade with Germany in a determined campaign to halt the neutral countries' commerce with Axis Europe.

At the same time, it was announced that the Allies would look into Turkey's increased chrome shipments to Germany during the last three months, with a view toward limiting the traffic through a curtailment of our own trade with the Turks, whose lend-lease aid already has been cut down.

In hearing the Allies' demands, the Swedes said they were in no position to comply without breaking their formal agreement with Germany, which, they said, the Allies approved last September. Although there was objection to the ball-bearing shipments, Sweden's iron ore deliveries to the Nazis were not emphasized.

WOOL: Big Stocks

With an all-high stock of foreign and U. S. wool, the Commodity Credit Corporation was directed to go into the market to support the 1944 domestic clip estimated at 450,000,000 pounds.

Whereas U. S. stocks stand at record levels today, there were prospects of serious shortages when the Japs launched their South Pacific drive, threatening the Australian and New Zealand producing areas. Approximately 400,000,000 pounds of foreign wool is now owned by this country, with the Defense Supplies Corporation holding 330,000,000 pounds and dealers and manufacturers the rest. At the same time, 550,000,000 pounds is being held in this country for British account.

Because the U. S. clip sells about 18 cents a pound above foreign wool, the CCC has encountered difficulty disposing of the domestic stock, although the army now specifies its use in purchases and about 10 per cent of navy orders are expected to call for it.

PACIFIC: India Threatened

With their backs against the rugged slopes of the Naga hills in central India, British and Indian troops fought desperately against persistent Japanese attempts to cut off their supply lines and entrap them in a huge pocket.

While the British and Indians were locked in their death struggle, U. S. bombers operated over a wide range in the Pacific, blasting Japanese installations in the Kurile Islands, strung out to the north of Nippon, and plastering enemy bases on New Guinea, as part of the grand strategy to wipe out their strongholds on this flank of the Philippines.

In India, the Japs' continuing three-pronged drive pressed against British and Indian supply routes running both north and south and also to the west to the Assam-Bengal railroad, used to feed Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's American and Chinese troops clearing a communications highway in northern Burma to China.

INDUSTRY: Postwar Reserves

Looking forward toward the problems of postwar readjustment, U. S. industry has set aside hundreds of millions of dollars out of profits for switching back to civilian production, rebuilding plants or providing lay-off payments to workers during the period of change.

To meet the emergency, United States Steel company has established a nest egg of \$104,153,557; General Motors, \$76,051,805; General Electric, \$75,562,337; E. I. du Pont, \$31,613,430; Sears, Roebuck, \$28,500,000; United Aircraft, \$28,004,464; International Harvester, \$20,000,000; Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, \$15,462,912; Borden company, \$11,305,185; National Dairy Products, \$10,000,000, and General Foods, \$4,492,712.

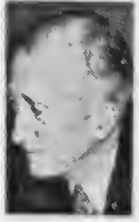
Since such reserves cannot be taken out of income before taxes like deductions for depreciation, debt retirement and depletion, they must be put aside out of industry's profits.

Economic Protection

To prevent a repetition of the widespread bankruptcies and foreclosures which followed World War I, the Commodity Credit Corporation is empowered to make a loan of 90 per cent of parity on basic crops for two years after the end of hostilities, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes declared.

While outlining the protection for farmers, Byrnes also proposed to help labor laid off from slackening war industries, through a system of federal unemployment benefits to be paid in addition to regular state payments. To relieve the problem of future unemployment, Byrnes suggested that workers be shifted from lagging war plants to busier ones now while jobs were available.

Byrnes advocated legislation for quick settlement of cancelled war contracts to aid industry in the reconversion to civilian production, and he also called for congressional action to facilitate the orderly disposal of surplus war goods without disruption of regular markets.



James Byrnes

WHEAT: Good Prospects

Because of improved prospects as a result of a recent rainfall, the U. S. Department of Agriculture predicted a winter wheat crop of 501,759,000 bushels for 1944, 72,163,000 more than 1943 production.

Based on official returns, the domestic supplies of wheat for 1944-'45 were estimated at 1,130,000,000 bushels, compared with last year's 1,440,000,000 bushels.

Although moisture deficiency in western Kansas and the adjoining wheat sections in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado was offset by rainfall, Nebraska was reported in need of precipitation.

U. S. ACES: 'Rick' Topped

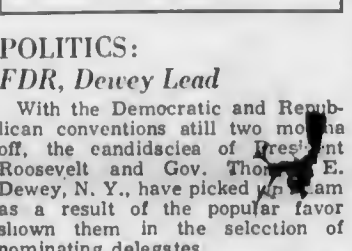
To army air force Captains Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis., and Don S. Gentile of Piquette, Ohio, went the honor of breaking Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's famed record of shooting down 26 enemy aircraft, established in World War I.

Operating in the South Pacific in a Lightning fighter with the portrait of his fiancée, Marjorie Vattendahl of Superior, Wis., painted on the nose, Captain Bong was credited with destroying his 27th enemy craft in the air on April 12.

Previously, Captain Gentile had been credited with bagging 30 enemy planes in Europe, but seven of them were shot up on the ground. During World War I, Captain Rickenbacker's total of 26 included five observation balloons, so that Captain Bong pushed the field in the number actually knocked out in sky fights.

Of all of war's experiences, few were as harrowing as Sgt. James A. Haley's, who was trapped in the tail section of a Flying Fortress when it broke off from the rest of the plane during a bombing mission and fell 15,000 feet down to earth.

When the tail section finally landed miraculously on a tree top, the 27-year-old sergeant from Henderson, Ky., emerged with only a slight cut on the chin.



Sgt. Haley.

POLITICS: FDR, Dewey Lead

With the Democratic and Republican conventions still two months off, the candidacies of President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, N. Y., have picked up steam as a result of the popular favor shown them in the selection of nominating delegates.

As of April 12, 46 delegates were openly pledged for the President and 157 others claimed for him, for a total of 203 out of 236 already picked. At the same date, 25 delegates stood pledged to Dewey and 123 others were claimed for him, for a total of 148 out of 356 selected.

While the President polled a large vote in the Nebraska preferential primary, big highlight was the heavy write-in vote Dewey obtained.

U. S. NAVY: Plan Bigger Growth

To provide for the heavy fighting ahead, congress was asked to pass a naval appropriations bill of \$32,647,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

By July of 1945, the navy will have 10,244 self-propelled ships, 74,925 other craft, including landing vessels, and 37,735 airplanes.

Also by July of 1945, naval personnel is expected to reach 3,657,000 officers and men, including women. Biggest planned expansion is for the marine corps to a total of 478,000.

LABOR: Hit Power Politics

Asserting that territorial and frontier problems of Europe should be settled by popular vote of the affected people, the American Federation of Labor's Vice President, Matthew Woll, assailed Soviet Russia's alleged alteration of the continent in defiance of principles of the United Nations.

Taking his place beside Woll, David Dubinsky, president of the AFL's International Garment Workers Union, deplored the development of policies designed to divide the world up into spheres of influence, in which the big nations would dominate militarily and politically.

Decrying the proposal to compensate Poland for the loss of territory to Russia by giving her part of eastern Germany, Dubinsky declared: "... This means that Poland, or what remains of her, will remain a center of bitter and constant struggle — a football for the powers."

BLACK MARKET GAS

So extensive has the black market in gasoline become that it is impeding the whole civilian motor fuel program, Petroleum Administrator Ickes warned. He said that more than 2,500,000 gallons a day is sold through illicit channels, with counterfeit coupons one of the most widely used means of evasion.

The most hopeful possibility for an increase in the allowance to civilian drivers is through the crushing of the nationwide illegal traffic in gasoline, Mr. Ickes declared.

Washington Digest

Egg Glut Calls Attention To School-Lunch Question

House of Representatives Decides Against Spending Taxpayers' Money on Food for School Children After July 1.

By BAUKHAGE
News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, Union Trust Building Washington, D. C.

You have often heard the lament when guests came and the larder was bare: "If we only had some ham and had some eggs, we could have ham and eggs."

If we had the man power and the machinery, equipment and distribution, we could step up American food production until, by 1954, we could feed 380 million people. That is what the Department of Agriculture says. Last year, we raised enough to feed 170 million.

Today, Washington is worrying over two problems brought into focus by that little "if."

This time we have over-production of one food product: eggs. Government agents are hurrying around trying to find a means of absorbing them. America has more eggs than were ever laid on these fair shores in our history, enough to have rolled some on the White House lawn on Easter Monday if the President had permitted such a wastage, which he wouldn't.

The government is buying eggs right and left (600 thousand cases of shell eggs, 13 million pounds of powdered eggs since January 1) to support the farmer's price, and giving some away — and here is where problem number two, which I said Washington was worrying about, comes in. We are giving away eggs to state and federal institutions and also for school lunches. After July 1, school lunches, supported by the federal government, will be no more. If the senate follows the action of the house and refuses the appropriation for that purpose, And regardless of eggs, there is developing the other situation over which certain people in Washington are worried. I'll go into that later, but first, let us look at the egg glut.

We are told that we could feed a lot more people if we had the man power, equipment and machinery to produce the food. In the case of eggs, we could consume far more if we had the man power to run the drying equipment to produce the powdered eggs for the military forces and lend-lease although those institutions now consume 400 million pounds of egg-powder a year, and eggs run about three dozen to one pound of powder.

About Hen Power

In this case, the man power doesn't match the hen power. A contraption called a cyclone drier dries eggs. All you have to do is to crack the egg and drop it into a container and let the artificial breeze blow, but it's hard to get crackers. One Kansas City drier who has a wage ceiling of 50 cents an hour for his crackers, has to compete with an airplane plant in the neighborhood which has a 50 cents an hour ceiling, for work no less attractive to young ladies than breaking eggs.

Right now, the country boasts the biggest hen population it ever had and egg production is 80 per cent higher than it was just before the war. Ever since March, something has gotten into the hens that has made them step up their production — feed was supposed to be hard to get so it couldn't have been something they ate. Maybe it's just patriotism. Anyhow, the War Food administration is buying all the eggs it can, and now it is giving eggs to schools for school lunches, and to state and federal institutions, not entirely because it has a generous heart but because it wants to support the price to the farmer who (as usual) hasn't been getting the benefit of the retail prices which, in many places, have stayed up even in the face of the greater supply. Washington, however, was able to buy eggs for the Easter rabbit this year, 18 cents a dozen cheaper than they were in March.

This egg glut has brought into sharp focus the school-lunch question which is of considerable concern to the Office of Education as well as the War Food administration.

The present laying spree of the hens will not last forever, and there will be no eggs to throw around later on. And anyhow, the house of representatives has decided that even if there were a surplus of eggs and other food products, it does not approve of spending the taxpayers' money on school lunches even if

the four or five million school children won't get hot lunches after July 1 of this year.

Not all the parents of all of the four or five millions of school children are taxpayers. In fact, the truth is that many of them are too poor to buy a decent, or in some cases any, lunch for their children. The richer ones who can afford a lunch will have to be satisfied with a cold one and the chances are they won't get nearly as healthy a one as if it were provided by a school where parent-teacher and other groups have seen to it that a balanced diet is provided.

Educators Worried

This worries the Office of Education which is still working on congress to get an appropriation through to continue the school lunch idea.

School lunches started as "made work" back in the days of depression and the WPA. The original idea was to provide employment for women. But as the idea developed, it was discovered that there was an opportunity to do two things; to improve the health of school children and to absorb farm surpluses.

So the WPA furnished the woman power and some equipment and the Department of Agriculture furnished the food. For awhile, the department took the actual responsibility of buying the food and delivering it. Later, when the WPA went out of business, and in many cases local sponsors took care of the service, the Department of Agriculture merely contributed a certain amount of money (nine cents per child, matched by nine cents from the local community). This came out of funds provided for the purchase of surplus commodities and the school bought the food itself.

The proponents of the school lunch point out that on the principle that as a twig is bent the tree is inclined, furnishing a balanced lunch to school children will build good eating habits which will affect the whole community. It also points out that now that so many schools, especially in rural areas, have been consolidated with one school and bus service drawing children from many distant places, children can't go home to get a good hot lunch. Many can't afford to bring food with them.

Of course, the community ought to look after this question itself and in most communities great interest has been shown and local authorities have cooperated. But in the poorer communities which have the greatest need, it is impossible, and even in the richer locations it isn't easy, to get money for things pertaining to the schools — as school teachers' salaries all over the country testify.

Unless the appropriation bill now before the Senate Appropriations committee is accepted and passed by both houses, the next time the hens step up production, the school children won't benefit nor will they feast at federal expense even if other farm products are so plentiful the government has to buy them up to protect prices.

News From London

The London Daily Mail sets up a little special edition for the United States — a digest, it is photographed in London on microfilm, flown over to this country, enlarged to four to six page brochure, about the size of ordinary typewritten sheets.

I do not know how large a circulation it has obtained so far or whether it is achieving its purpose of mutual understanding but it often contains some rather interesting items. For instance: John Henry Jones, a 40-year-old steel smelter, came to America with other British trade unionists to visit our war factories. The Daily Mail quotes his reply to one of his wife's questions when he got back: "How about wages? Is the American worker really better off than the British worker?" And this is what Mr. Jones replied:

"Taking a chap with the same size house, same number of children, doing the same job as his counterpart over here — No. Our house here would cost \$18 a month clear, in rent. A similar house in the States would run away with \$30 a month."

BRIEFS... by Baukhage

Gasoline needs in this war are 80 times greater than in the last one, according to the U. S. Petroleum Administration for War.

Since Dunkirk, more than 14,000,000 food packages have been sent by or through the British Red Cross to British prisoners of war in Europe, the British Information service report.

Fifty per cent of the outdoor advertising space in the city of Madrid must be reserved for the use of Spain's totalitarian party to present messages of the Phalangists.

One million fewer work accidents in the next 12 months is the goal set by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for attainment by American labor and management.



Heavier at Poles
Due to the centrifugal force of the earth's rotation, the force of gravity is less at the equator than at the poles. An object which weighs 190 pounds at the equator will weigh 191 pounds near the poles, scientists say.

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SNAPPY FACTS
ABOUT
RUBBER

Navigation is impossible even for a canoe on some of the tiny branches in the Amazon headwaters in the remote Bolivian rubber country. Air transport is now serving in the rubber development in these areas. Teppers cut their way through the jungle, with from 100 to 150 wild rubber trees serving as each tapper's route.

Tire experts hold that greater mileage is returned from worn truck tires if, when they are new, they are "broken in" for several thousand miles under normal or sub-normal conditions. Using new tires on front wheels before shifting them to the rear is one way of "seasoning" tires.

Jerry Shaw
In war or peace
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HIGHLIGHTS... in the week's news

EGGS: Another record in egg production was turned in by America's hard-working hens during March, the third consecutive month of all-time highs. There were 6,763,000,000 eggs laid last month, 4 per cent above March last year and 49 per cent over the ten-year average, 1933-42. Number of laying hens increased 5 per cent from March, 1943, to 433,205,000.

MIDGET FURNACE: A tiny furnace, weighing only 21 pounds, may be sufficient to heat a 20-room house, if a new type of heating unit now used only in military aircraft can be applied to homes. The little furnaces would be only about the size of a waste basket and would cost about \$50. Demonstration models have given encouraging results it was said.

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"TO SEND CLIPPINGS"

Woodstock, Ky., Apr. 13
Editor Courier:
You will find enclosed \$1 for renewal as we have a boy in the army in India. He likes for us to send him clippings from the Courier.
J. W. COFFEY

"MISS THE PAPER"

2 Champion rd., Fairfield, O.
Editor Courier:
You will find enclosed check for \$1.50 for the good old home news. We miss the paper so much. We can hardly get by without it.
Good luck to you and family.
NOAH HUGHES

MCKENZIE IS WELL

West Liberty, Ky., April 25
Editor Courier:
We have just received a picture and letter from our son, Sgt. Harold McKenzie, who is overseas somewhere. We are proud to know he is well and in good health. We know that he has the best of care, from the looks of the picture. We ask all the good Christian people of Morgan county to pray for him.
MRS. CHESTER MCKENZIE

"BEGGING FOR MAIL"

Lenoir, Ky., April 17, 1944
Editor Courier:
I am sending you a letter from a soldier overseas. He is begging for mail from his friends. Will you please publish this letter in your Readers' Opinions column and give his address at the end of the letter, as follows: Pfc James R. Williams, 4th postmaster, New York, N. Y.

MISS MARCELLA CASKEY

Editor's Note: We regret that censorship regulations forbid our publishing the complete address of this or other soldiers. Friends who wish to write can get the address of any soldier from the family or other friends who may know it.
The letter from the soldier reads in part as follows:
Dear Marcella:

Just a few lines in answer to your letter I received this afternoon. Was more than glad to hear from you. I only wish everyone knew just how much a letter means to us boys overseas. We don't just read them and then forget all about it. We read them so many times that we know each letter by heart. Mail call is about all we have to look forward to, and we really feel slighted, too, if we don't get mail every mail call. A letter really brings you out of the dumps. Then you know people back home haven't forgotten you, and that you still have friends waiting for you to come home. A letter really makes me happy and I know all the other boys feel the same way.

I have just started getting the paper. I really enjoy reading it. It sure is good to see all my friends' names and what all is happening back there.

If some of the people had to experience some of the things we do and at the same time be so far from home, they would understand just what a few words from home can mean to us over here.

Martha, I guess you are getting fed up by my old story. Any way, I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. It leaves me fine, except a bit blue which is nothing unusual.

When you see dad and mom, tell them I was asking about them. Tell everyone "hello" for me. Hoping to return and see you all soon. I will close now by saying good night and best of luck. Always a pal
JAMES WILLIAMS

RIVERBEND

Reported by Lillie Dean Lykins
Apr. 17.—Mrs. Dewey Blanton and son Junior of Columbus, O., have been visiting her parents at Elkfork and Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton. Mrs. John Patrick and Mrs. Rainey Montgomery of Gordon Ford were calling on Mr. and Mrs. William Adams of Salyersville. Mr. Adams is very ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Madden of Allcock attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Proffitt, Saturday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Cartie Lykins attended the funeral of Mrs. Josephine Proffitt, the mother of Mrs. Allison Lykins of Cannel City. She had made her home with her mother the past nine years.
Winford Howard left to take his examination for the U. S. army.
Christine Carter of Grassy Creek was in town Saturday on business.

HOLLIDAY

Reported by H. H. Holliday
Apr. 24.—Edward Vance, Robert Oney, and Henry P. Guillett leave for army duty April 26.
Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Oney have named their son which was born Apr. 12 Hansel Ray.
Lucy Holliday, Jessie Reed, Myrtle Benton, and Myrtle Holliday were shopping at Ezel Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Holliday and daughters Nora Gay and Thelma and Lizzie Holliday were guests Sunday of Charley Holliday and Noah Holliday, who live at Malone.
Miss Elizabeth Griffith of White Oak was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Lykins of Holliday. Margaret Gullett of Cannel City was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Murley Gullett of this place, Saturday and Sunday.

PEKIN

Reported by Miss Corine Stamper
Apr. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stamper were in West Liberty Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ratliff were in West Liberty Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stamper and Mrs. Willie Lou Little and daughter Marie of Bonny, were in Mt. Sterling Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Stamper and Mrs. W. C. Stamper and daughter Corine were in West Liberty Thursday.
Miss Joyce Rose Stamper of Ezel spent from Friday until Sunday with her sister La Dell Stamper, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stamper.
James Roberson of Detroit, Mich. spent Wednesday to Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Jay Roberson, here.

GRASSY CREEK

Reported by Helena Gevedon
Apr. 23.—Mrs. Emma Ross has gone to Kansas to be with her son, who is seriously ill in Camp Phillips.
Mrs. Marie Carter and daughter spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen, at Caney.
Mrs. J. W. Hancy is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Childers, in Lexington, and taking eye treatment there.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Allen and daughter of Miami, Fla., are visiting relatives here and at Caney.
John M. Gevedon celebrated his 70th birthday Thursday. A nice dinner was prepared and several friends and relatives gathered at their home to wish him many happy returns.
Miss Marie Cecil of Winchester spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Grace Cecil.
Mrs. John Gevedon and Mrs. W. P. Patton and children of this place, and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Lawson and children, of West Liberty, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spurlock at Morehead.

Mr. and Mrs. Orison Cannoy have returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gevedon, here.
Rev. Clint Byrd of Buskirk visited friends here part of this week.
Rev. D. W. Beckelheimer of Dingus filled his regular appointment at Grassy Lick during the week end.

STACY FORK

Reported by Lillian Morris
Apr. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon Lewis and son Johnny Gordon, Mrs. Emma Lewis, and Miss Lillian Morris spent from Wednesday till Friday of last week at Combs visiting Mrs. Bertha Sample.
Donna Lee, infant daughter of Pfc. and Mrs. Drexel Stacy of Fleming, was brought here for burial in the Wheeler cemetery Monday. Rev. T. Burton conducted the funeral services at the Regular Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Leburn Phipps and Mrs. James Phipps of Fleming attended the funeral.
John Harmon Lewis of Franklin, O., is spending a week here with his home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leburn Phipps and Mrs. Phipps' father Steward Lacy, who passed away Sunday evening.
Pfc. Isaac Rogers, who had been stationed at Ft. Knox, returned to Ft. Meade, Md., after spending a 15 day furlough here with his wife and baby. Mrs. Rogers accompanied him as far as Morehead.

Ratliff, Imogene, and Ruth Dunn were in Morehead Saturday.
Mrs. Roxie Perkins of Panama spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Peyton.

ELDER & PINE RIDGE

Reported by Mrs. Volney Cox
Apr. 17.—Wathan Hasty of Dayton, O., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hasty, here.
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McKinney and Nelda Cox had business in West Liberty on Saturday of last week.
Roy Lewis of Kellacy and Homer McGuire of Dehart went to Osborn, O., Monday to seek employment.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mann and daughter Gladys and Mrs. John Kempin were shopping in Mt. Sterling last Wednesday.

POMP

Reported by Glenn Cox
Apr. 17.—Miss Peggy McClure of Licking River spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cox and family, here.
Walter Scott Cox of this place and her sister W. W. Wrigley were making a business trip to Ohio last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Littoral, who had been visiting relatives in Ohio, have returned home.
Miss Barbara Whitt, who had been visiting relatives at this place, has returned to her work at Dayton, O., her sisters, Miss Helen Whitt and Mrs. Maxine Sheets, and Mrs. Sheets' little daughter Josephine accompanied her.

PINE GROVE

Reported by Mrs. W. B. Lane
Apr. 24.—Ella Halsey and daughter Lucille of West Liberty, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halsey.
Mrs. Russell Lane of Middletown, O., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lane.
A birthday dinner was served in honor of W. B. Lane, on Sunday. Guests were Mrs. L. A. Lykins of Hope, Ky., Mrs. Russell Lane of Middletown, O., Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Murphy and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. James Collinsworth, and Mrs. Joe Lane and son Garrett.
Johnny Rupe and W. B. Lane had business in Mt. Sterling Wednesday.

CANEY

Reported by Garnett Honchul
Apr. 24.—Mrs. Below Patrick and daughter Patty, who had been visiting here, have returned to Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Gardner Gibson of Connecticut and Burchard Patrick are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Patrick.
Mr. and Mrs. Green Honchul and daughter Garnett made a business trip to Mt. Sterling Monday.
Mrs. Monroe Davis of Harper visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Rudd, one day last week.
Mrs. Corita Bailey of Ohio has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Patrick.

F. P. Madden of Cincinnati, O., has been visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Green Honchul. Junior Mounts of Middletown, O., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mounts.

CROCKETT

Reported by Miss Evelyn Fannin
Apr. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. David Le-master and children, who had been living in East Chicago, Ind., for some time, have come back to make their home here for a while.
A. C. Conley made a business trip to West Liberty Friday.
Frank Conley and Envy Wheeler took their final examination Monday and Tuesday and passed. Frank will go to the navy and Envy will go to the marines.

Cecil Fannin and daughter Evelyn were in West Liberty on business Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lyons made a business trip to West Liberty Monday.

Jim Ball, who has been with the U. S. marines for over eight months, is now home with a discharge. He is the nice son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ball, here.
Omer Ball of East Chicago, Ind., is now visiting his parents and relatives here.

Pfc. Rulie Hutchinson from Panama Canal is spending a 21 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson.

LACEY

Reported by Doshia F. McGuire
Apr. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Picklesimer of Lucasville, O., visited her mother, Mrs. Clarendia Rigby, last week.
Mrs. Caroline Hamilton of Akron, O., was the Sunday guest of Mrs. A. D. Hitchcock.

Mrs. Leslie Wheeler received a letter from her husband, who was recently induced to receive service, saying he was stationed in Oregon.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton of Paintsville were last Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Clarendia Rigby. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Lacy, who is visiting her son and daughter there.

Mrs. Garland Risner and Miss Doshia McGuire had business at Paintsville last Friday and Saturday and Mrs. Risner received medical treatment from Dr. Archer.
Mrs. Alafure Estep and son Corbett are visiting relatives at Waverly and Portsmouth, O.

Sam Estep is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramey, at Ashland.
Herman McGuire is employed at Ashland.
Mrs. John Montgomery and Miss Gladys Montgomery spent Saturday night at Paintsville at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rigby. Mrs. Montgomery took her infant daughter to a doctor.

Mrs. Reva Montgomery of Coon spent Saturday night with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Montgomery.
John Bailey and son Charles, of Burning Fork, spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bailey. John has recently moved from this place to Burning Fork. He says they are liking their new home fine.
Mrs. Dale Stone visited recently her father at West Liberty, who is ill.

VANCE FORK

Reported by Hattie Vance
Apr. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Charley Helton came in from Franklin, O., to see Mrs. Helton's father, Robert Lewis, who was hurt by a truck and is in the Good Samaritan hospital.
Jackie Vance was a Saturday night guest of Carl Benton of Caney.
Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Lewis made a business trip to West Liberty Monday.

CANNEL CITY

Reported by Magdalene W. Phipps
Apr. 25.—Dr. J. E. Carter and children Joe and Carolyn, of Lousia, Miss Shirley Aiken Shine of New Albany, Ind., and Mrs. C. S. Jackson and Miss Betty Jean Oakley, of Louisville, spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter and attended the funeral in West Liberty of Mrs. Fred Schreiber, wife of Dr. Fred Schreiber of New Britain, Connecticut.
Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Patrick of Morehead visited their parents over the week end.

Miss Flora Benton of Dayton, O., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Benton, from Wednesday until Sunday.
Mrs. R. E. Bradford of Portsmouth, O., is spending a few days with her brother, W. E. Zornes, and daughter Aileen.

Pt. Mike Benton Jr., who had been here on a furlough, has left for his camp in California.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Young of Cincinnati, O., are visiting Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Elam, for a few days.

Miss Oma Zornes of Hazard visited none folks here over the week end.
Mrs. Merle Fowler of Irvine spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter.
Mrs. Mary L. Wheeler and granddaughter, Clara Phipps, visited over the week end with Mrs. Arus Phipps of Payton.

Mrs. Willie Wells of Payton was a Sunday night and Monday guest of Mrs. Ollie Wells.
Mrs. Sam Osborne was at West Liberty shopping Saturday.
Dennie Hancy of Franklin, O., visited his wife and family here over the week end.

Bryan Hancy has returned to his work in Ohio.
Mrs. Billie Ashcraft is in Ohio for a few days visiting friends there.
Mrs. A. C. Carter and Mrs. Merle Fowler were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Kathryn Amyx of Grassy Creek.

Mrs. John W. Elam was at West Liberty on business Saturday.
Mrs. Mattie Payton of Rexville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Easterling, and her brother Charles, who soon leaves for the navy.
Sam Osborn visited friends and relatives at Payton on Monday.
Mrs. Myrtle Wells and sisters Lucy

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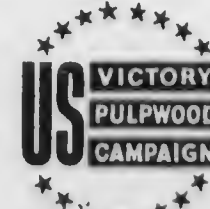
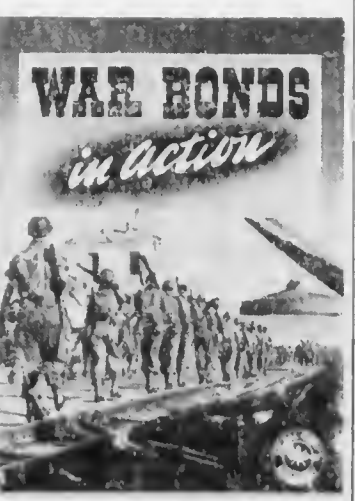
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PANAMA

Reported by Mrs. L. O. Adams

Apr. 24.—L. O. Adams was at West Liberty Saturday having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Adams had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kilgore and sons Howard Robert and Edward, of Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gevedon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Recie Perkins and children, and Paul Gevedon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conley of Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gevedon of West Liberty spent the week end with C. B. Gevedon.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Castle of Ohio spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Gevedon made a business trip to Grassy Creek Thursday.

ELAMTON

Reported by Miss Louise Williams

Apr. 18.—Mrs. R. B. Williams returned home Saturday from a 2 weeks visit with her son at Ashland.

Mrs. J. T. Pelfrey spent Sunday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hammond of Cottle.

Mrs. Chloa Beulhimer of Dayton, O., and Mrs. Lynn Beulhimer of Dinegar spent Friday with Mrs. Odford Bolin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Williams and daughter of Portsmouth O., spent the week end with his mother Mrs. Jennie Williams.

W. H. Williams and George Lacey were at Paintsville Monday.

Willie Blevins of Dayton, O., is visiting his wife at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams spent the week end with her parents of Sandlick.

LOGVILLE

Reported by Taty Elam

Apr. 18.—Pfe. Lonnie Howard of Camp Davis, N. C., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Howard and family.

Mrs. Loula Hopkins, who has been ill for some time, is able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallie B. Pack and children, of West Van Lear, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Dewey Elam and daughter Laura Susan ate a nice dinner Sunday with Mrs. Ollie Lykins of Matthew.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Caudill and daughter Irene and Mrs. King Caudill, of Ashland, spent the week end with relatives and friends here and at Dinegar.

Miss Jewel Franklin of West Liberty is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Franklin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prater and children and Carl Prater, of Xenia, O., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Prater and daughter Maxie.

Good luck to the Courier.

LICKING RIVER

Reported by Pearl Lewis

Apr. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stacy and daughter Gay attended church services at Woodsbend Saturday night and Sunday.

Powell Henry of the U. S. army is spending his furlough with his mother Mrs. Mollie Henry.

Mrs. Mollie Henry had as Sunday guests Powell Henry, Mrs. Jimmie Adams and son Donald H., and daughter Rose Mary, of West Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Henry and children, of Dayton, O., and Mrs. Jennie Belle Blair of Dayton, O., and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wells and children, of Rhoads May.

Misses Ruby and Ruth Henry, of Dayton, O., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henry, a few weeks.

Buford Fugate of Middletown, O., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patton Fugate, last week.

Miss Aileen McKenzie spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Etta McKenzie at West Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Lewis and Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Allen were shopping in Winchester Monday.

Mrs. Henry Wells and children Hennieta, James Lowell, Willis Clay, and Nancy Elaine are visiting Mrs. Etta McKenzie a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor McKenzie and children Aileen, Oleta, Ronald, and Donald, and Frank Lewis and Nannie Wells and Mrs. Willard Lewis were in West Liberty Monday.

MIMA

Reported by Moxie Smith

Apr. 18.—Elder W. W. Smith and John Dulin attended church at Fannin Saturday and Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ball of Elkfork Sunday.

Mrs. Thelma Adams, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Smith, returned last week to her job at Piqua, Ohio.

Andy and Junior Ball of Elkfork were in this community on business Monday.

Minnie Robbins, who had been visiting relatives at Van Lear, returned home last week.

Sam Gullett of Oil Springs visited his sister, Mrs. Jewell Smith, and family, one night last week.

We are sorry to learn of the death of John William LeMaster of Columbus, O., formerly of this place, who was killed while working at Columbus.

Albert LeMaster of Columbus, O., visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Keeton, here, Friday night. He was accompanied back to Paintsville by his children, Bertha, Rosette, Joe Albert, and Bob, who were at the funeral of their brother, John William LeMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Smith and children Mildred, Arrie, and Anna Lee, of Cruckett, are visiting Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith, here. Elijah will take his examination for the army today, April 18.

Miss Violet Smith of East Chicago, Ind., is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith, here.

YOCUM

Reported by Mrs. R. B. McGuire

Apr. 24.—A. B. Lewis and Onzie Engle moved Clifton Engle and family to Ohio last Saturday.

Orval Peyton has passed for the navy.

Pvt. Ollie K. McGuire's wife started for South Carolina last Friday to visit her husband.

Mrs. J. H. Lewis and son and Edith Cox visited relatives at Hollow Poplar near Virgile, Sunday.

Vergil and Mary Lewis went to Ohio last Friday.

R. V. Smith conducted services at this place Sunday.

FLATWOODS

Reported by Marie Leach

Apr. 17.—Flatwoods Sunday school had 32 present yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Short of Straight Creek and Mrs. Buford Leach and daughters Lucile and Marie and son Jay, of Flatwoods, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Sue Coffey.

M. P. Walter from Houlton, Maine, has been spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Leach of Flatwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kilgore of Malone were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Adams.

Rev. Woodrow Manning filled his regular appointment at the new school building Saturday and Sunday.

MAYTOWN & GREASY

Reported by Mrs. J. M. Rowland

Apr. 18.—Pvt. Delmon N. Easterling spent a seven day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Easterling and returned Thursday to Camp Livingston, La.

Green spent last week with his sister Mrs. Lonnie Hill and family.

H. W. Bach was at Lexington last week for medical treatment.

Mrs. Leonard Denniston and daughter Linnie were at West Liberty Tuesday having dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Easterling had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson of Ezel, Misses Nelda and Ruth Berl Anderson of Jackson, Sylvia Easterling of Eastern, state college at Richmond, and Pvt. Delmon Easterling of Camp Livingston, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bartley and son Randy are visiting relatives at Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Denniston received a letter from their son Leonard, who is in New Hebrides Island, stating that he had been promoted to seaman first class.

Harry Murphy of Dayton, O., spent the week end with his family, here.

Ellis Lawson and family, of Dayton, O., have moved to the farm of W. R. Rowland, here.

Dr. Harold Nickell of West Liberty was here Thursday to see J. M. Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rose of Camargo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murphy.

EZEEL

Reported by V. Ruth Henry

Apr. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henry and daughter Marjorie and Venus Rowland were shopping in Lexington Thursday.

The Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Emma Bolin Monday afternoon. Many topics were discussed and business settled. The missionary society will prepare the supper Friday, April 21, for the junior and senior banquet, Mrs. Martha Motley, Mrs. Helen Ward, Mrs. Opal Jacobs and Mrs. Gladys Carr were appointed on the committee. 13 were present for the meeting. Refreshments of chocolate fudge were served.

Mrs. Vivian Carter and Mrs. Minnie Rowland celebrated their birthday Sunday with a fried chicken dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henry, Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, Mrs. Opal Jacobs and son John Lovely, Mrs. Marjorie Henry, Mrs. Minnie Rowland, Misses Venus and Mary Inez Rowland, and Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Centers and family.

Mrs. Savannah Patrick visited a few days her mother, Mrs. Andy Crase of Epsom, who is in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson visited Sunday their daughters, Nelda and Ruth Beryl, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bayes, of Jackson.

Memorial services of the service flag, with its 32 blue stars honoring those in service who belong, or sons and daughters and husbands of those belonging, to the United Presbyterian church, was held in the church Sunday evening. Rev. R. E. Ayers, pastor of the church, called the names of those in uniform and others they were stationed as far as the government would reveal the whereabouts of many. White candles in the shape of a V were lighted, one for each name called, by Miss Christine Carr.

Some interesting letters from those in service were read by Rev. Ayers. A special hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus," was beautifully rendered by the choir. Prayer by Rev. Ayers. This service was a very religious one and very patriotic and much respect was shown by the large crowd that attended.

Mrs. Vergie Hill gave a stork shower Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Alma Brown. Several were present and Mrs. Brown received nice and useful gifts. Refreshments of Coca-Cola, sandwiches, lettuce cake, and fruit jelly were served.

Pfe. Hise Tudor of Robinson Field, Macon, Ga., and Mrs. Tudor of Paint Lick, visited a few days Mrs. Edna Patrick and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and children and Geraldine Wilson accompanied Eugene Wilson to Mt. Sterling, from where he left by train for camp in New York. Eugene is in the Coast Guard.

Mrs. Walter Nickell gave a stork shower at her home in honor of Mrs. Ray Henry. Several were present and Mrs. Henry received many nice and useful gifts, many sending gifts later who were not present. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, ice cream, and coffee were served.

LICK BRANCH

Reported by Miss Manda V. Riggsby

Apr. 17.—Mrs. Olive McKenzie and little son Harold Curtis are visiting her cousin, Miss Wilma McKenzie of Malone, this week.

Mrs. Lucille Fannin is looking for her husband, Pfe. Edward Fannin, home on a furlough soon.

Mrs. Reva Riggsby received a letter from her husband, Pfe. Harold Riggsby, stating he was still in North Africa and was getting along fine.

Emerson Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kelly, will leave today for his final army examination.

Virginia Riggsby received a letter stating that Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lewis of Osborn, O., are the proud parents of a 7 lb. boy. Mother and baby are doing fine.

There will be church service at the Lick Branch schoolhouse Saturday night. Everybody invited to attend. Keep the good news coming.

MIZE

Reported by Ida Havens

Apr. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Oldfield announce the arrival of their little grandson, born to Pvt. and Mrs. Tommie Oldfield at a Lexington hospital one day last week. Tommie accompanied his wife and baby to the home of his parents and will remain a few days before he returns to camp.

Mr. Carmie Yacum of Dayton, O., visited recently her son, Orville Adams, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orent Oldfield and children, of Ohio, are spending a few days with Mr. Oldfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Oldfield.

Mildred May and son Scottie, of West Liberty, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Oldfield, helping care for Mrs. Tommie Oldfield and baby.

DAN

Reported by M. L. Mays

Apr. 18.—Mrs. Bessie Mays visited her mother, Mrs. Frank Lewis of Index, Thursday.

Robert Mays of Wellington has been visiting relatives of this place for a few days.

Geo. and Elza Mays made a business trip to West Liberty Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peyton are the proud parents of a fine boy. The baby is doing fine but the mother has been seriously ill, but is a little better.

D. E. Cox and G. W. Richard made a business trip to Mt. Sterling Wednesday.

Miss Sylvia Robinson and boy friend of Dayton, O., were Sunday dinner guests of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Wells and family of Wellington, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cox, over the week end.

PEKIN

Reported by Mrs. Christine Ward

Apr. 17.—Cpl. Roger B. Lewis of Camp Roberts, Calif., and Mrs. Lester Reed and daughter Donna, of Osborn, O., were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stamper and Willie Lou and Marie Little had business in Mt. Sterling Saturday.

Marshall and Charles Ward spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ledford at Paint Lick.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Rose and sons, of Lexington, are visiting Mrs. Rose's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Combs, and daughter.

Mrs. Marshall Ward spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reed and daughter, at Osborn, O., and while there accompanied her brother, Cpl. Roger B. Lewis, to Hagerstown, Ind., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lewis and family.

Mrs. Lily Phillips and sons spent Sunday in Wolfe county visiting relatives.

Pfe. Hise D. Tudor of Georgia and Mrs. Tudor of Paint Lick were Friday night and Saturday guests of W. T. and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ward.

Floyd Moore and Curt Ferguson made a business trip to Winchester one day last week.

Mrs. Marshall Ward spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lewis at Licking River, while Cpl. Roger B. Lewis was home on an 18 day furlough. He returned to Camp Roberts, Calif., Thursday.

Mrs. Lester Reed and daughter also were there.

EZEEL

Reported by Miss Deloris Smith

Apr. 18.—Eva Evans and Mary Lou and Kate McGuire were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hederick at Winchester over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Havens and family, of Newton, O., were visiting friends and relatives here over the week end.

Rev. Charles Ried and Mrs. Willard Ingram and daughters were in Mt. Sterling Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mattox of New Albany, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jenkins visited over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Montgomery and children, Daisy, Charles, and Harold, Norvin Peyton, and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sexton were in Mt. Sterling Saturday.

A. C. Charles C. Rowland of Iowa City, Iowa, was calling on his cousin Mrs. Deloris Smith, Monday evening.

Mrs. Clarence Martin and daughters, of West Liberty, have been visiting her daughter at this place.

Mrs. Minnie Dennis of Middletown, O., is visiting her son Stanley Dennis, and family.

Miss Ruby Ward, who had been trying with Mr. and Mrs. David Craft is now staying at the home of Cletis Stacy at Greaser and attending school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Prue Hounshell and his mother, Mrs. Sam Hounshell, of Vanhook, and Mrs. James Wheeler of Wellington were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy were in Mt. Sterling one day last week.

Miss Deloris Smith received a letter Friday from her cousin, Pvt. Victor Carpenter, stating he was on the Anzio beach head in Italy.

NOTICE

To Delinquent 1943 Taxpayers

The following 1943 tax bills upon which there is real estate will be offered for sale at the courthouse door at West Liberty, Ky., at or about:

1 P. M. Monday, May 15, 1944

These tax claims include 6 percent penalty, the cost of advertising, \$1 sheriff's fee, and a distraintment fee of 6 percent of the tax.

The purchaser of a delinquent tax bill will be issued a certificate of delinquency which becomes a lien upon the real estate described in the face of the tax bill. This certificate of delinquency is subject to 12 percent interest per annum from the date of issuance.

Tax Bill

No.	Name	Amount Due
5 Allen, Addie	\$3.04
11 Arnett, Dewey	3.09
1 Abner, Nola	3.04
635 Adams, George	10.48
515 Arnett, Roy Sr.	38.04
29 Barnett, Gray	5.12
36 Denton, Ollie	7.72
561 Denton, Nannie	6.00
45 Bishop, Alex.	6.80
60 Brown, Eliza	7.18
63 Butthum, Frank	7.83
65 Burdwell, Thurman	16.31
21 Caloway, Victoria	8.00
73 Cantrill, Jane	7.18
85 Cassidy, Louetta	10.27
105 Clemmons, Alex.	6.77
117 Crosby, M. C. trustee	41.75
1413 Caskey, Stanley	43.32
110 Craft, Rebecca Ann	10.23
118 Daniels, Peter	5.12
133 DeLong, Hollie	14.42
139 Dye, E. C.	8.22
140 Dyer, Kelly	11.12
683 Davis, Hiram	8.89
145 Elam, J. E.	6.00
719 Elam, Carl	5.18
731 Elam, Carl & Kerne	15.35
719 Elam, Carl	5.18
156 Ellington, J. E.	14.72
162 Fannin, J. J.	9.95
164 Fannin, Ollie D.	4.31
170 Frisby, J. R.	6.77
754 Frisby, Garrett	10.43
182 Fugate, Homer	9.95
743 Finch, Effie	6.65
192 Gilbre, H. W.	9.81
774 Grear, W. B.	8.36
1616 Gibson, R. F.	15.25
840 Gammel, John	6.77
219 Hamilton, J. F.	6.77
238 Hilley, Effie	4.31
239 Hogg, Williams	3.65
4161 Hill, Austin	17.50
356 Howard, Ida Blevins	6.77
356 Isaac, Alice	12.36
262 Johnson, W. F.	11.54
269 Keeton, Brock & G. H.	11.54
837 Kilgore, Mennie	5.18
278 Lawson, W. F.	12.36
238 Lewis, Arnold	11.54
306 Lykins, Rennie	6.00
307 Lykins, C. M.	8.36
333 Lykins, D. L.	5.18
941 Lykins, Kelly	9.95
953 Lykins, Asa P.	13.84
333 Murphy, K. C.	9.95
952 McGuire, Frank	8.87
10 McPherson, Heirs.	9.95
343 Nickell, Dennis H. & F.	17.50
348 North East Coal Co.	9.40
358 Patrick, Edgar	9.60
3753 Patrick, Mr. & Mrs. C. W.	17.90
1044 Patrick, Lonnie	18.79
1095 Prater, Stanley	8.90
1074 Phipps, Rosa	4.44
379 Phipps, Rollie	5.18
373 Phipps, Sam	11.54
374 Peyton, Ed, Adm.	6.18
4243 Reed, Lester	13.66
413 Redwine, V. H.	13.13
414 Redwine, Leonidas	13.96
4111 Ratliff, Sarah	8.22
412 Ratliff & Redwine	15.54
381 Rowland, Rudolph	5.58
383 Rudd, J. R.	9.95
3813 Ross, Fred	12.88
2159 Scott, Jas M.	6.25
383 Sales, Charlie	10.28
309 Sergeant, Everett	4.41
393 Spradlin, Dorothy	5.18
400 Smith, Charlie		

BLACK SOMBRERO

by CLIFFORD KNIGHT

Elsa Chatfield, Hollywood artist, is disheveled by her Aunt Kitty, who died from an overdose of morphine. Hunt Rogers and Barry Madison go to Mazatlan, Mexico, to solve what they believe to be Kitty Chatfield's murder. On arrival they find that Elsa's party had preceded them by plane. During a festa at the ranch of Elsa's father, Sam Chatfield, James Chesebro is murdered. Lombardo, chief of Mexican police, questions Pedro, the pulque man, who is required to identify the slayer. Pedro, star witness, escapes during reenactment of the murder. Search for him is made in the mountain country. Lombardo arrests Reed Barton on suspicion of murdering Chesebro.

CHAPTER XII

"Buenos dias, señores," he said in Spanish, including the guard in his greeting. The latter saluted. Sam Chatfield reached an impulsive arm through the bars to shake hands with Reed. "I'm sorry, Barton," he said in English. "I came as soon as I heard the news. I was in at once. There must be some mistake—unless you've confessed that you did it?"

Reed Barton grinned. "Hardly that, Mr. Chatfield. I didn't kill Chesebro."

"That's good. Have they treated you all right?"

"Very well, indeed; no complaint."

"I rather think there'll be no cause for complaint, Barton. I'll use my influence, of course. Berta and I have powerful friends, and we'll see that you are comfortable so long as you are here. Which I hope will not be long."

"Thank you, Mr. Chatfield. That's very kind of you."

Sam Chatfield thrust his short arm again through the bars and took Reed's hand in a vigorous grip. Rogers and I likewise shook hands with the prisoner, and with assurance that we would stand by him, we took our departure together with Sam Chatfield.

On the sidewalk outside, however, we separated after a brief exchange.

Hunt and I went aboard the Orizaba to discover that Dwight and Margaret were absent in the launch; the sailing master pointed it out to us well up in the Estero del Astillero, but headed back in our direction. It came eventually alongside, and Margaret and Dwight climbed up the ladder to the deck.

"No luck!" said Margaret wearily, looking up to espy the two of us leaning over the rail. "Dwight's little playmate ran away from us."

"I'll say he ran away from us. No strike; no sign; no anything. Saw him break water just once. This is no place, of course, to go fishing for marlin. I guess that particular one wandered into the bay by mistake."

He stepped upon the deck and leaned his rod against the rail. It was Margaret who detected something unusual in our manner.

"What's happened?" she demanded. Dwight looked sharply at us at her question as if to discover the reason for it.

"Any new development—about last night?" he inquired.

"Rather an awkward development—for Reed Barton," Rogers replied, rubbing the side of his large nose with a forefinger.

"What? Tell us."

"Reed's in jail, charged with the murder of Chesebro."

Rogers hastened to explain why Reed Barton was in jail, giving them an account of our search for Pedro, the pulque seller, and our visit to Lombardo.

"Oh, I'm so sorry!" exclaimed Margaret when he was done.

"That's bad luck. I wonder what Elsa thinks about it."

"I don't know whether she knows it or not," I said. "Sam Chatfield didn't say, when we were talking with him."

"We'll find out, of course, when Elsa comes on board this afternoon," said Margaret. "We're really going fishing tomorrow, you know."

A hail from the water drew us to the ladder, and Margaret, who was closest, waved both arms in welcome, and called out excitedly:

"Oh, hello! So glad you could come. But—why didn't we send the launch for you? Why, we could just as well as not. I'm sorry."

Greetings from several voices below responded, and, looking over the rail, I discovered a boat containing Berta and Elsa, and on the seat behind them Sam Chatfield and George Rumble, the latter wearing his black sombrero with its silver trimming which glittered in the afternoon sun.

"It's Reed, of course," Elsa said dispiritedly in answer to my comment as I gave her a hand at the top of the ladder.

"We'll have him out in no time," I comforted her.

"That's what Papa says too, but I'm afraid, Barry."

To what lengths of extravagant promise I might have gone at that moment I'll never know, for with a sudden, bewildering sound of breaking water, a huge silvery dark fish leaped from the bay not fifty feet from the Orizaba's sleek sides, soared almost even with the rail in its mighty leap and fell back with a resounding crash. I could hear the slap of his gills, so close was he,

almost, I fancied, I could smell him. "Come on, you fishermen!" shouted Dwight, making for the ladder. The rowboat had sheered off, its native owner rowing as if for his life, and those of us now intent upon the pursuit poured into the launch, across which the occupants of the rowboat but a few moments before had had to clamber to reach the Orizaba's ladder.

The launch had been rigged for swordfishing. Two leather-cushioned swivel chairs were mounted side by side in the stern of the boat. There were seats behind these for those not engaged in trying for marlin, or who were content to fish over the side. Sam Chatfield had climbed into the seat beside Dwight. He was endeavoring to disengage a rod rigged with heavy tackle which lay alongside on the floor. I helped him with it. George Rumble sat beside me, his huge black sombrero crushed down upon his round skull, so that it would clear the awning overhead.

Dwight glanced up, his outfit ready, and for the first time looked about to see who had come along with him. He recognized Sam Chat-

field at his side and smiled, then became solicitous of his welfare.

"Are you comfortable, Sam?" he asked.

"Oh, yes; quite."

Dwight half rose. "Take this seat, Sam. I think it is the better of the two."

"No, thank you, Dwight. I prefer this side. As a matter of fact, I'm going to ask you now if I may sit here tomorrow on our little jaunt up the coast."

"You certainly may, Sam. Take whichever side is most convenient for you."

Rumble removed his huge black sombrero to let the breeze cool his head; his dark oily hair lay close to his round skull. He dropped the hat at our feet where it lay beside a small wrench. Rumble eyed the latter for a moment, then picked it up and turned it thoughtfully about in his hands. Sam Chatfield finished baiting the huge number twelve hook at the end of its steel wire leader, took a firm grasp on his rod and made a cast, sinking back into his chair, which creaked under the strain.

My gaze for the moment was on George Rumble; there was an odd look in his eyes. He was not interested in the cast; his attention seemed to center upon the straining swivel mechanism underneath Sam Chatfield's seat. His gaze came back to the wrench in his hands. He turned it about, then of a sudden dropped it beside his sombrero as if the metal had suddenly become hot.

Looking back on that evening ashore in Mazatlan, I now can see how freighted it was with tragedy, but it began and ended, apparently, as only a gay adventure. Berta and Margaret remained on board the Orizaba; Elsa, George Rumble and I went ashore together in the launch. Dwight, Rogers and Sam Chatfield had not been ready to go with us, and the launch returned for them.

Elsa had only one purpose, and that to go to the jail to see Reed Barton. She kept pushing us along until finally Rumble halted at a street corner and said, "Look here, I'm not so keen on visiting that guy down at the jail."

"You don't have to go if you don't want to," Elsa retorted. "That guy probably isn't interested in seeing you, either."

"That settles it, sweetheart," Rumble replied in his husky voice. "Nothing like speaking your mind. I'll see you later."

"Where?" demanded Elsa.

"How do I know? I'm going to the

hotel and get my things together. Margaret's orders. See you on the boat, anyhow, if not before."

Rumble stood on the street corner, a curious figure in a yet more curious throng of native life.

"Goodby," said Elsa.

"Goodby, sweetheart."

The jail, standing in all its mediocrity close by the church, its scaling, cracked, pseudo-Gothic exterior softened now by the night's warm shadows, seemed less an eyesore than in the hard light of the sun.

"Elsa," I began, halting on the steps, "perhaps I'd better take you over to the hotel, and I'll call on Reed myself."

"Don't be silly," she said, advancing through the doorway with such precipitate energy that the splendid creature preening his mustaches leaped nimbly to one side to avoid being run down.

But there was no Reed Barton in the jail. Elsa did not at first comprehend the information which was offered in response to our inquiry, and neither did I.

"Por que no?" she demanded in Spanish of the jail guard.

"El hombre no esta aqui," the man replied. "No se por que no."

"I hope they haven't taken him out and shot him," Elsa said, turning to me, an odd light in her gray eyes, which were now round with apprehension. "They do things like that."

"Forget it," I said. "Your father's influence probably got him out. Donde esta el hombre?" I inquired of the guard who in reply merely shrugged his shoulders, indicating that he had no idea where Reed was to be found.

We made our way to the plaza where I hoped old, old Mexican custom once more was being exhibited. But when we arrived only a handful of youthful caballeros encircled the kiosk, and a smaller number of señoritas were moving slowly, leisurely in the opposite direction. One caballero, bolder than the rest, halted before his favorite and with a bow presented her with a flower. Round and round they went, while the band played the arias of "La Boheme." Motor cars were parked at the curb, a haven of parental refuge for any señorita who grew weary.

"I've seen this before," said Elsa after we had watched it for some moments. "I never realized until now, though, but I've been doing the same thing for years. Every girl has. Parading myself, my body, my soul, all that makes up the pitiful little me, hoping for the approval of some gay caballero."

"Your gay caballero stands on your right against the trunk of that tree."

"Where?" Her head jerked sharply in the direction I indicated. Reed Barton stood leaning lightly, easily, against the tree as he gazed at the scene in the plaza. He pulled his watch from his pocket and looked at it, unmindful that we were near by. Elsa left me instantly and flew to greet him, and I walked over more sedately to congratulate him on his release.

"Elsa had visions of your being stood against a wall at dawn and dying dramatically to the rattle of musketry," I said.

"Really?" He grinned, pocketing his watch.

"Don't mind what he says," Elsa implored him.

"But how did it happen, Reed?" I asked.

"It was just one of those things," he said. "They came and opened a door to the cage and said to the bird within, 'Fly away, my sweet, and I flew away to freedom.'"

"As simple as that?" said Elsa with a sarcastic note in her voice.

"What I think happened was that they discovered I was not just a peon who could be thrown into jail and forgotten. Perhaps your father helped, Elsa; perhaps the consul had something to do with it. Any way, it's nice to be out. Neither your father will accept my thanks, nor the consul; 'twas a mere nothing. Glad to do it, and all that. Saw your father down the street a while ago, Elsa."

"He was coming ashore—Oh—you're going with us tomorrow."

"Here and what?"

"Fishing. You'll have to come aboard tonight with your things; we're leaving early. And now—" She halted, a wistful look in her level gray eyes. "Isn't there a dance going on somewhere tonight, Reed? Can't we dance and be romantic?"

"Oh, sure. There's a dance at the hotel tonight. Come along and observe the flower of Mexican youth. You'll see something! These little kids here in the plaza with their hand-me-downs and New York models are a bit tawdry. The newer youth of Mexico is elsewhere. Coming, Barry?"

"Of course not!"

Later I looked in upon the dancers. Reed Barton was right; the flower of Mazatlan was present. Youth, in any land, of course, is synonymous with beauty, but here it was to be found in extraordinary measure.

I looked on for a while entranced, then wandered away. There was a crowd in the bar, and I stood for a while drinking the excellent beer. I wondered where Rogers was, where he had gone, and presently he came in and joined me.

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PAUL WINS RECOGNITION FOR GENTILE CHRISTIANS

LESSON TEXT: Acts 15:23b-29; Galatians 2:1, 2, 9, 10, 20, 21.
GOLDEN TEXT: Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Romans 5:1.

Problems and differences of opinion need not be harmful if they are properly met and honestly settled. In the church at Antioch a question had arisen which had to be answered, authoritatively, and once for all.

The early converts of the church were naturally from among the Jews, and they carried with them into their new-found faith the traditions of their religion. Some of them did not recognize that the salvation they had in Christ was entirely by grace apart from any works of the law. They not only felt that they must observe the law, but insisted that the Gentile believers must also fulfill the Jewish rite of circumcision. This promptly raised the question whether Christ alone could save, or if men were saved by grace plus works.

To settle this matter, Paul and Barnabas went up to the church at Jerusalem, and there a great council discussed it freely, and came to a decision which was then transmitted by letter and a committee.

I. Fundamental Principle Established—Salvation by Grace (Acts 15:23b-29).

The believers at Antioch were to abstain from those things which would hinder their spiritual progress and harm their testimony. That was important and right, but it must not be allowed to confuse them regarding the basis of their salvation. They were not saved by works, no, not even by the most commendable.

Salvation is by grace, through faith, not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8, 9). That principle, which is absolutely foundational in all Christian thinking, was established then, and is valid and blessedly true for all time.

Is it not strange, then, that all through the church's history there has been a determined effort on the part of some in the church to add something to God's redeeming grace as a ground for salvation? One would think that all the peoples of the world would rejoice in such a gloriously simple and altogether divine redemption.

It is well worth our attention to observe how the matter was handled. Observe the plain rebuke given to the teachers of error in verse 24. It is no light matter to trouble and mislead the souls of men, by injecting our worldly wisdom or our opinions, when we should be teaching the truth of God's Word.

Note that there was fine courtesy in sending the message to the church at Antioch by messengers who were men of distinction and great spiritual courage. It was not a case of abruptly telling this new church what to do, and end it there, but of using this trying situation as a means of drawing the churches together in fellowship and mutual faith.

II. Sound Practice Observed—Writing by Faith (Gal. 2:1, 2, 9, 10, 20, 21).

The life of grace is not just something to be written or talked about, or to glory in, although it is all of these. It is to show forth in the daily walk of the Christian.

Paul in Galatians 2 tells of his experience in Jerusalem, of his meeting and discussion with the brethren. It was all of vital importance to him and to the cause of Christ, but it is not the record of an academic argument, or the vaunting of a personal victory which he presents.

He rises to the high point of Christian experience, the realization of the fact that a believer has died to self. He is crucified with Christ—and yet he lives.

Yes, he lives in a newness of life which is not his own, but Christ living in him. There is the secret of real Christian living—a complete acceptance of all that Christ is, in and for the believer.

This truth is at once deeply spiritual and completely practical. Again we say, it is not something about which one theorizes. It is an actuality—something which Christians can and do live out in daily experience. It is "the life which I now live" of which Paul speaks, and that is by "the faith of the Son of God," who loved us and gave Himself for us.

To fail to receive and appropriate this grace by seeking to be made righteous through the deeds of the law is to deny the need of the death of Christ, in fact, to make it a vain thing.

Some may feel that all this is too deeply theological for them, but it really is not, for God does not expect us to explain it, but only to accept it. This is His work, and it is indeed wonderful in our sight (Ps. 139:6), but not too wonderful to receive by faith, to rest and rejoice in, and to declare to others.

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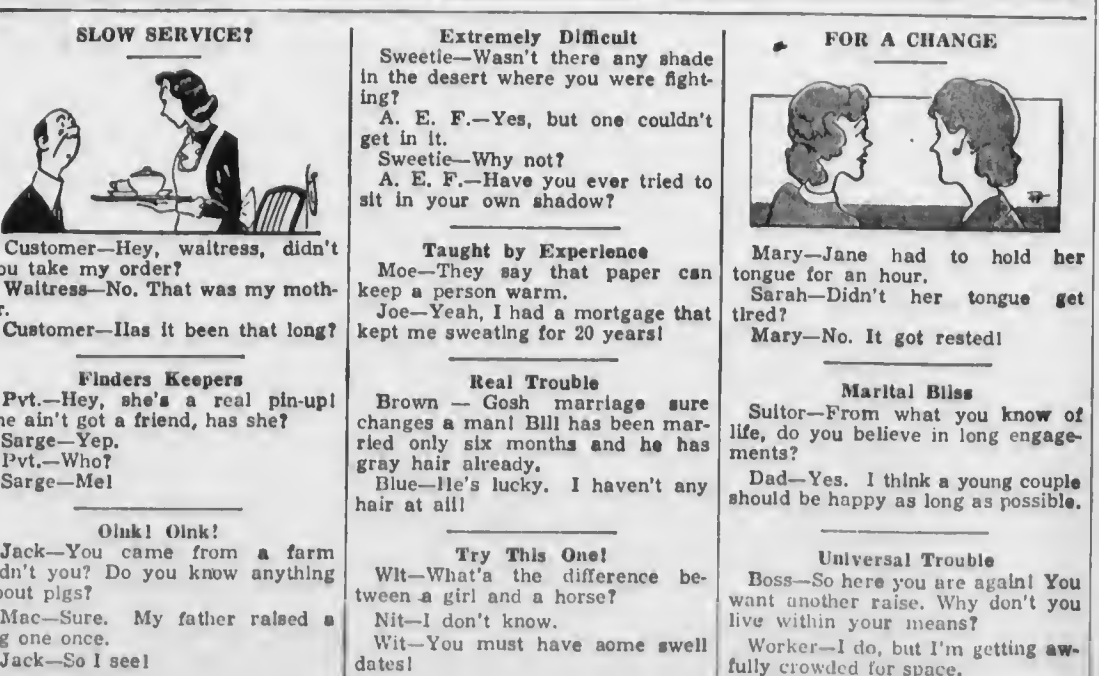
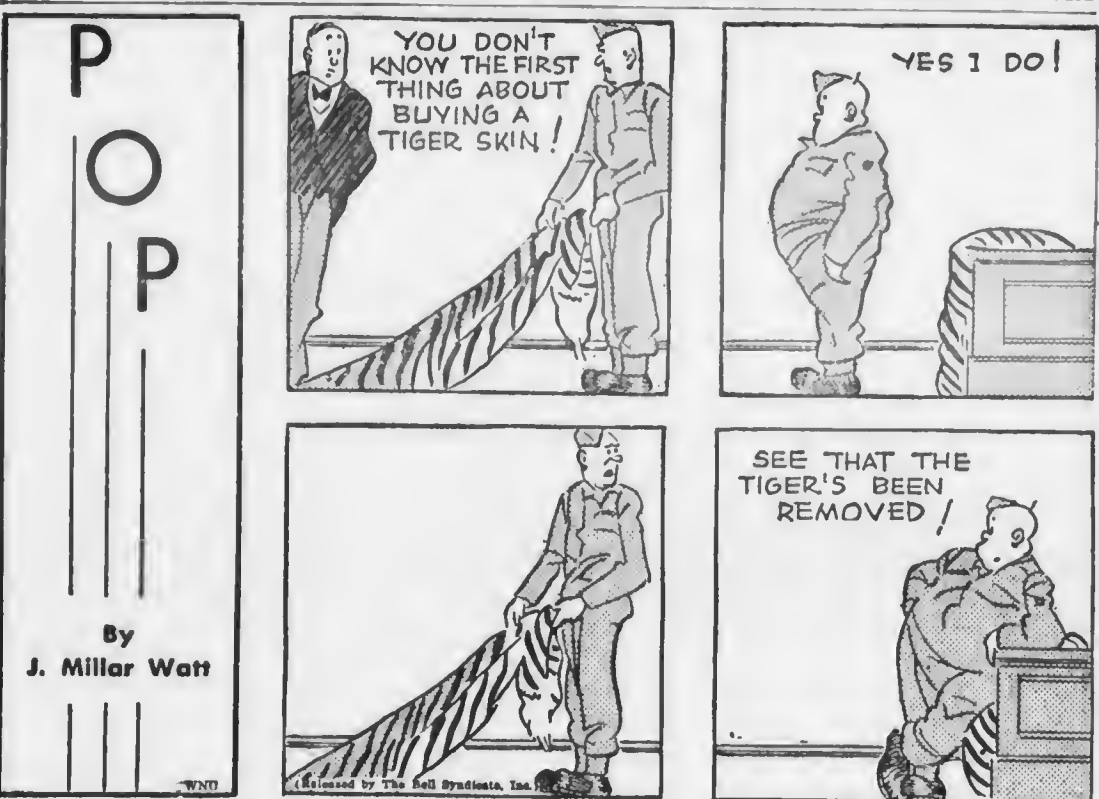
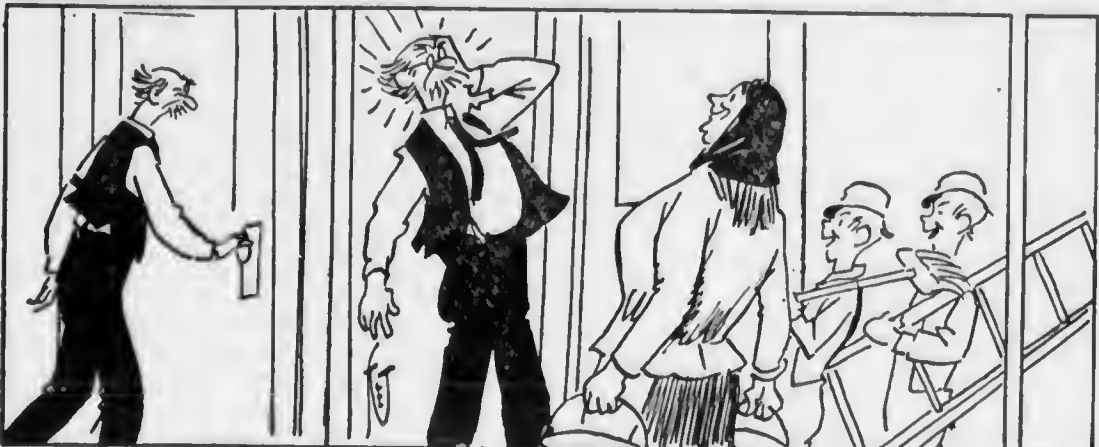
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